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"The Cry of the Wolf of Self-Reliance"

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Meaning of the Lodge

My Brothers, prior to your election and induction into the Brotherhood of Cheerful Serivce, you were informed that the Order of the Arrow does not and will not base our membership requirements upon the whims of popularity contests. Such elections tend to become self-serving and such members lose sight of our common goal, that of service through sacrifice.



Presently, Lodge affairs have been neglected due to a severe lack of interest, lack of communications, and perhaps, due to unfortunate personality conflicts. In view of the many problems facing Buckskin Lodge, it may be fitting to remind Brothers of the purpose and meaning of the Order of the Arrow.

The following speech, by Ralph S. Fiesta, delivered at AREA 2-E Conclave - (1967) summarizes the purpose and meaning of the Arrow, tells you what the Lodge is and what the Lodge is not. Listen to these words carefully, My Brothers, and let them burn within you heart, for this is the very reason why you were chosen.

"What The Lodge Means"

"What the Lodge Means" is an opportunity to quote liberally from the Handbook, borrow from the ceremonies, and produce all kinds of statistics about the O.A. Instead of doing this, this is going to tell you some things about the Order that are not written down someplace, or even expressly stated.

First, here are a few things that the Lodge is not ... it is not a super Scout troop, as some would believe, and even as some would have it, unfortunately. No, the Advisor who acts like a Scoutmaster andor the Chief who acts like a Senior Patrol Leader, will soon find himself without a lodge, in the truest meaning of the word.

If the Order of the Arrow, embodied in the Lodge, has a meaning, it can be summarized as two words Volunteers and Opportunity.

The strength of the Lodge is in its volunteers. No brother, with the possible exception of those in the Advisory, is forced to attend Lodge or Chapter meetings. Once there, no brother is, or should be, forced to accept a project, job, or responsibility. Yet each Lodge and each Chapter within a Lodge, accomplishes a considerable amount of service to Scouting, and to themselves each and every year.

This is all done through Scouts and adults who willingly accept responsibility ... volunteering their time and talents to the Lodge.

Those who hold office in the Lodge, accept the nomination knowing the obligation of that office, and promise to fulfill their responsibility to it. The success or failure of any Lodge is dependent upon

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Nerlfi Rec. Sec.

Due to personal reasons, Bruce Philpott has resigned as Recording Secretary. Mike Nerlfi has been named as his replacement.

Nominating

In the next couple of months the Nominating Committee will be having several very important meetings to determine the candidates for this year's ballot. I would like to stress the importance of these meetings and urge all committeemen to attend them.

The Committee has already mailed out questionnaires to the active members of all committees.

The Nominating Committee

Cavalcade

This year the Camp Promotions Committee hopes to have several booths at the Cavalcade to be held at Roosevelt Field in late April. The committee hopes to emphasize summer camp in particular and push the "Where To Go" camping book, which can be bought for only \$1.00 at council or through the Trunk.

The main purpose of the Order of the Arrow is camp promotions, which this Lodge has not realized in past years. If we as a Lodge are to do this job correctly, we are going to need volunteers to help at the cavalcade. On your Dues form there were two boxes, active and reserve. If you checked the active box, you are expected to help on committees. Most people say they are not interested in the Camp Promotions committee, yet our purpose is just that. Try to be different and give the Camp Promotions chairman a call. We can use you.

Chm. Neil Getter

221-7742



My Brothers,

I wonder how many of us have read the Legend of the Order. I wonder how many of us understand the legend of the order. But most of all, I wonder how many of us "live" the legend of the order.

Was it really long ago that Chingachgook set out upon the trail with his son Uncas? Or do we all walk through the valley of the Delawares every minute of our lives?

What was it that could so drive a father and son, together, on their journey? Could Uncas talk more openly to Chingachgook, than you or I can talk to our fathers?

Did the spirit of Brotherhood die with the Delawares? Or has the spirit of Brotherhood die within us?

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We have embarked on a long and toilsome journey. For both you and I have obligated ourselves to a life of cheerful service. But our Brotherhood is not something that only lives 8 days a year. It must be a Brotherhood that encompasses our daily life. The time has come for deep introspection.

If the TAB goes out late becuase there aren't enough brothers who will help to get it out or the brotherhood Committee has to pleading for sponsors, or an Ordeal master begging for guides? Doesn't this say something about all of us? Take a long hard look at yourself.

Are we living in some euphoria? If helping out a committee or being a guide or sponsor has become too petty, haven't we lost something? A chain is a strong as its weakest link, and if brothers continue to get drunk, as four did on the last weekend, will we continue to take two steps backward for everyone forward?

But as the frog once said in Tubby the Tuba, "We have our good points too." I've been accused for a long time now for being too negative, but in all honesty, the reason I have been so, is that I am afraid that when one talks about one's accomplishements too much, an air of self-complacency sets in.

The Lodge has reached over forty per cent brotherhood. Over a hundred children benefited from our toy drive. A great deal of work was done for council at both



camps. But does all this mean anything if the committees cannot move because no one wishes to help? Does our service mean anything if our souls are not committed?

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It was a fixity of purpose which bound Chingachgook and Uncas together. To save their brothers was their only cry, yet there were only some from every tribe who would go.

Tomorrow, when you go to work or school, there will be some who will give a little bit of themselves to another, and there will be some who won't. For some, to love one another, means to love everyone, and for some it means loving him till he moves next door. For some, the spirit of Brotherhood is very much alive, for some it is a candle never lit.

I wrote this Quill for some.

Wimachtendienk, Gabriel Gluck Netami Sakima Anumpa Shali Imma Itibapishi Aliha

Slide Shows

The Camp Promotions Committee has now received all of the duplicated slides. A mailing has gone out to all scoutmasters in the county (the week of January 30th) pertaining to slide shows. Send the enclosed post card to the Post Office Box to schedule a slide show for your troop. If anybody out there has one night that he can donate to the Order of the Arrow, please call the chairman or district chairman to volunteer his services. Remember what our purpose is...

—Neil Getter Camp Promotions Chairman



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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Trunk...



The following are the requirements for the Brotherhood membership: 1) Active membership in Buckskin Lodge for more than 10 months. 2) Active membership in a scout unit and awareness of the fact that service is of the utmost importance to the Brotherhood membership. 3) Satisfactory knowledge of the Brotherhood Questionnaire.

If you have met or will meet these requirements it is your privilege to seal your membership in the Brotherhood. If you wish to do so, follow the instructions for contacting the Brotherhood chairman in the January Tab.

Brotherhood members should consider it their responsibility by oath to convey to brothers who have not sealed their vows, the high purpose and meaning of the Brotherhood. In many cases a simple lack of understanding will cause an Ordeal member to hesitate about the Brotherhood. If you know someone who has been an active member for 10 months or longer and has still not sealed his membership, ask him why he hasn't!!

A Lodge Brotherhood Committee meeting has been planned for 2:00 p.m., March 19 at Harkness Training Center. At this time we will plan and develop Brotherhood procedure for the coming months and summer camp. If you are a member of the committee or would like to take an active part in the Brotherhood, please attend this meeting.

Wimachtendienk 681-8680

Chm.: Brian Corringham Adv.: Mr. Robert Peters

681-8680 826-3324



Historical ..

The committee is alive and well. A display was shown at the Banquet and hopefully displays will be made for the weekends. Committee members are in the process of being contacted for their jobs.

I'd like to thank the brothers who pledged their help AND if you'd like to join; contact me.

Chm. Tony Marren 798-5084

This year the trunk committee has items for sale to all brothers which we haven't had for a few years or have now for the first time. The biggest item which is a must for all campers is the recent edition of the "Where To Go" camping book that tells all brothers where to go camping in New York, New Jersey, Conneticut, Vermont, and Pennsylvania. It describes the location, the facilities and the best way to get there. This booklet may be gotten on any OA activity, at council, or through the mail order trunk for only \$1.00. The committee has a new Lodge slide which sells for 90 cents.

The trunk committee is in need of help for up-coming events, like Spring Weekends, and summer camp. If you are willing to devote a half hour of your time please call the chairman.

Chm. Bob Kanowitz

334-0081



My Brothers,

When we last left you, our young hero George Custer Yelled "charge"! His army came towards the camp. Just when he came into view, we heard him grumble a few words. My friends what he said at that moment is very applicable to this column. He said, "What we need here is another 20,000 men." We the members of the dance team need more members also; maybe not that many but "man can't live on bread along" and "a dance team can't survive without new blood". If you have two feet and a head on your shoulders come on down or give me a call. God gave us legs to dance with, so if you are with legs - dance (with us). Also anyone wanting a dance can give me a call. What's a dance team without dances? As we leave you now keep in mind what the famous Running Wolf once said, "The Great Spirit made the blueberry to use in jam but if he would have wanted us too, he would have made bread grow trees. Peace -

 Chm.: Jon Joseph
 796-6401

 Jim Shields
 735-1203

 Adv.: Jim Vantassell
 249-3560

It is your solemn pledge to give cheerful service. The Service Committee is always looking for interested people, willing to work. Project leaders and task-masters have to be chosen for the spring weekends.

I would at this time like to thank the brothers of the Lodge for their help on the Fall Weekends. Two brothers without whom I would not be able to call the outcome favorable, are Bob Munder and Jim Holecki. Thanks.

Your help is needed—Volunteer your services now!

Chm. Greg Hughes Adv. Mr. J. Citera

742-3976 489-2419



The time has come! This month starts our covering of elections. But the question is, "Will Your Troop Have An Election?" If the committee does not get more members it will be very difficult to cover the 450 elections. Maybe your troop will be left out. Please, write your district chairman today! If you missed the training session last month there will be another one on Sunday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the Harkness Training Center. Please join the committee (it only takes ½ an hour to cover an election).

chm ... Steve Issaccs

Dis. No. 1 John Wackerman 74 Roger Dr., Port Wash. 11050

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its volunteers. Without people willing to volunteer, we have nothing ... and the Lodge means nothing.

The second meaning given to you was the word "opportunity" for personal growth and self-satisfaction that few organizations can offer, and none, to the knowledge of the writer, can surpass.

This opportunity is the privilege of holding a chairmanship or office in the Lodge organization.

Putting aside for a moment, the ideals of service to others, and looking at the Lodge in a purely selfish light, you will see there, the best training grounds for leadership skills, self-confidence, and personality development offered anywhere in the country today.

This may not mean much to our younger teen-age brothers, (though, we would be lost without their everlasting enthusiasm and energy). However, for our older brothers who are beginning to think about business and professional careers, we hope you will take a long look at the Lodge in this light. For whatever you do, the training in leadership, planning, promotion, and organization offered to you by the Lodge in its offices and chairmanships will repay any effort you put into it, many times over.

Of course, in your participation, you are not only helping yourself, but the service rendered to Scouting, and its effect upon young people you may never meet, cannot be measured.

And since this seems to be the year for organizing minority groups, here are a few words addressed to the adults in the Lodge. If you are not providing the opportunity for personal commitment through volunteer service, and if you are not encouraging initiative and creative thinking among younger Brothers, if you are not passing along the opportunities that were previously offered to us, then we are not worthy to wear the Arrow, no matter how high our personal ideals and sacrifice may be. To us, the Lodge extends this opportunity, and when we take advantage of it, the rewards in personal satisfaction far outweigh the time spent in

Banquet a Success

For the Brothers who attended the Annual Buckskin Lodge Banquet on December 29, the evening was truly a success. The Banquet, held at the Holiday Inn in Hempstead would have to be regarded as one of the best in the history of the twenty-two year tradition.

The food was quite good and an atmosphere of Brotherhood and fun was ever present. The speaker, General August Diflorio gave a most interesting speech that will not be shortly forgotten.

The displays by the various committees were most interesting and hopefully led to a deeper understanding of the Lodge by all.

Thanks are in order for the time and effort put in by the Banquet Committee and the advisors.

this service.

As you have been reading this you must have noticed the emphasis upon YOU ... each of you, individually.

It is when YOU volunteer for service that ACTION happens in the Lodge; it is when YOU seize the opportunity for leadership experience, that personal development occurs; and it is when YOU guide the progress of your brothers, that the Lodge grows.

So, this then, is the meaning of the Lodge ... YOU! Your interest and your participation give the Lodge its meaning. When the Lodge runs out of volunteers, and when it fails to provide opportunities for growth, then the Lodge means nothing. It's all up to YOU!

From a speech at the 1967 Area II-E Conclave by Ralph L. Fiesta.

The above has told you what the Lodge is and what it does not intend to become. Buckskin depends upon You — the individual, in order to continue to render service to Scouting, the community and the individual. Without You, My Brothers, the Lodge is meaningless. The Arrow You wear is symbolic of Leadership, Service and Courage in the face of adversity.

For only he who is willing to sacrifice personal goals for the higher trait of Service is worthy to wear the Arrow. My Brothers, have You made this personal sacrifice?

by Brian Tumey Advisor-Buckskin Tab



The Camp Promotions Committee is trying to let Lodge members know of helpful camping tips through this column. As stated in past Tabs New York State offers various free information upon request. Also in past Tabs various companies were listed that give out free information upon request. It is hoped that this information will be a help to Lodge members. If there are any companies that you know of that offer free camping information, please send it to the Camp Promotions chairman as soon as possible.

A booklet entitled "Hot Tips for Outdoor Living" can be obtained free of charge by writing to Joseph D. Bates Jr., P.O. Box 2294, Grand Central Station, New York City, New York, 10017. When writing to these companies don't forget to list your troop number and town.

SERVICE PROJECTS — If you are interested in doing an Eagle service project, a patrol or troop conservation project, contact Johnnie Jones, the Wauwepex Ranger. Projects can be planned with him to be done at Wauwepex.

MERCENARIES WANTED, due to a large lack of Home Troop leaders during the summers many troops and boys cannot go to camp. Mercenaries are a large tap of leadership at nominal fees. This committee is trying to put together a list of such people. They must be at least 21 years old. If anybody is interested in being a mercenary scoutmaster, please contact the Camp Promotions chairman so a list can be printed in the next Tab.

— Neil Getter Camp Promotions Chairman

Patches

"Many moons ago..." Yes, many years ago Buckskin issued patches for the Fifteenth Anniversary, Buckskin Division, and various pocket flaps. Due to unfortunate circumstances the Historical Committee only has five patches, the two latest flaps, the Legend, the latest Buckskin Division, and the 20th Anniversary patch. If you have any patches you'd like to donate other than the ones issued by the lodge, call the chairman.

Chm. Tony Marren

798-5084

MakeYour Vigil Nomination

The deadline for all Vigil Honor nominations is just around the corner — February 29th.

Have you made your Vigil nomination yet?

The only requirements for one to be nominated for the Vigil Honor are: 1 (that he be registered in Scouting and in Buckskin Lodge for 1972, and 2) that he became Brotherhood before May 1, 1970. Do you know someone who meets these requirements that you feel has made outstanding contributions to Scouting and the Lodge? Then nominate him before

February 29. To obtain Vigil nomination forms, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Vigil Honor chairman:

Tom Reinhart 255-12 West End Drive Great Neck, N.Y. 11020

All names of nominators will be kept strictly confidential by the Vigil committee. For listings of eligible Brotherhood members for the Vigil, see the list elsewhere in this Tab, and in the January

Nominating Committee

In the past it has been said that the Lodge has been surrounded by a ring of apthy. This year the Nominating Committee got its taste of this apathy.

The committee mailed out nomination questionnaires to 64 active brothers on committees. Of the 64 only 24 were returned, with just 14 brothers wanting to run for lodge office. Though the committee still tried to get the names of active brothers, every direction proved to be a dead end.

The committee held a meeting on January 30 to decide upon a preliminary ballot. Prior to the meeting it was established that only one candidate would be submitted for each office (Little Lodge Chiefs requiring 2 names) In this way the Most Qualified brother would be chosen. In the cases of two brothers who were both equally qualified, both names would be put forward.

Though the committee was hindered by the lack of consideration on the part of many brothers, nevertheless, the members came up with a list that is highly distinguished, with all the candidates more than capable of handling their jobs, if elected.

If there is any brother who would like to run for a lodge office at this time, it is still possible **through petition**. The petition requires the signatures of twenty-five 1972 dues paying members, PLUS their dues card number. All signatures are to be legible. The deadline date for the petitions is March, 15, 1972.

The Nominating Committee

Gabriel Gluck Lodge Chief Gary Wildung Little Lodge Chief Donald Heiberg John P. Giammanco Jr. Tom Reinhart Al Anderson Steve Azzaro Steve Schroeder Jeff Baum Mike Collins Al Desetta Kevin Estes Joe Forry Al Fuchs Ed Johnson Jon Josephs Mark Klzelewski John Kohler Jay Pysock Paul Reynolds Todd Reynolds Charles Ruiz Brian Ruiz Paul Wachter Bob Wilson Tom Lettow Dan Ruethur

The preliminary list that the committee has decided upon is as follows:

Lodge Chief-Neil Getter

Little Lodge Chiefs-Brian Corringham

Steve Isaacs

Treasurer-Bob Kanowitz Recording Secretary-Michael Nerlfi Corresponding Secretary-

At the writing of this article the candidate for the office of Corr. Sec. has refused the nomination. The Committee will reconvene within the next few weeks to pick another candidate for the position.

BROTHERS ELIGIBLE FOR VIGIL

The following is a list of additional Brotherhood members of the Buckskin Lodge who have paid their 1972 dues and are eligible for the Vigil Honor. These names were compiled from all dues forms received from January 8 to January 29, 1972.

This list and the list appearing in the January Tab make up all eligible members who have paid their 1972 dues. If you know of any corrections or additions to be made to the list, contact the Vigil Honor Chairman:

Tom Reinhart 255-12 West End Dr. Great Neck, N.Y. 11020

REMEMBER: the absolute deadline for the return of all Vigil nominations is February 29th. Obtain nomination forms by writing to the chairman (send a self-addressed, stamped envelope).

BY - Birth year

O - Year of Ordeal

B - Year of Brotherhood

+ - year unknown

★ - year of Brotherhood unknown but should be 1969 or earlier

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February

27 - Executive Committee Meeting-1 P.M.

March

19 - Executive Committee Meeting-1 P.M.

April

15 - Harkness Workday

16 - Executive Committee Meeting-1 P.M.



Buckskin Tab First Annual Identity Contest — Anyone able to identify the two people in the picture on page 4 of the January TAB will win 100 FREE tabs (issue of their choice). A bonus of 50 will be added if the photographer is also indicated. (This contest is closed to anyone attending Union College). Contact the Editor by March 15.

Have an old Uniform? Why not bring it to the Cavalcade? It could make someone really happy?



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Dear Mr. Benasaraf,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Buckskin Lodge No. 412 members for making it possible to share in Christmas giving with others.

The toys you have given to us have been distributed to needy children throughout this area through our Men's Social Service Center Thrift Store activity. Besides providing many of God's little ones with great pleasure as only toys can do under a Christmas tree you have helped our program here with the proceeds which help rehabilitate men who live and work here in their home away from home.

We are grateful to have good Scouts in our community who willingly think of the underprivileged and put their thoughts into action.

Again thank you and may you progress in all good ways for your happiness and the happiness of others in this New Year 1972.

God Bless You! Sincerely, M. Bronson, Clerk

(Ed. Roy is the Inter-relations Chairman)

Computers Yet!

Buckskin Lodge will be entering the computer age during the next few months as the Lodge attempts to convert the mailing file from addressograph plates to IBM punch cards.

A medium sized Long Island firm has offered to process the cards on their computer. They will print the mail list on gummed labels for each **Tab** mailing and will also be able to print membership lists as necessary.

The Lodge will have to punch its own cards. As the Lodge cannot purchase a key punch Brothers are needed who can obtain permission to use key punch machines at their schools or businesses to punch cards.

Volunteers are needed to fill out coding sheets for each active member of the Lodge (coding sheets indicate which information — name, address, etc. — is to be punched in each column of the punch card); to key punch the cards; and to make corrections in the files. Anyone interested in helping should contact:

Don Heiberg 165 Burtis Avenue Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570 Phone: 678-3554

P.S. — The Help Committee is still alive and well and needs your help. Just because maintaining the address file will be easier does not eliminate the problem of sticking the gummed labels on the Tabs, folding the Tabs, and bundling them by ZIP code for mailing. Call Dave Brooks, 487-2937, and offer to help him mail the Tab. Adults are especially needed to drive members to Dave's meetings which are held at his home in Lake Success.

Dear Editor,

Having attended OA Executive Committee meetings since 1965 as a committee advisor, I think I can comment on changing attitudes from year to year.

This year I seem to detect a definite feeling — a pervasive mood of internal distrust of each other — of the Lodge Chief and the officers — of the Advisors to the Committees — of the Lodge Advisors, etc. This mood and feeling of distrust seems to run both ways — boys to adults, adults to boys, officers to chairmen, chairmen to officers. I think it is particularly unfortunate that the adults "seem" to distrust the boys — as it may carry over to the boys as an "example." Perhaps everyone is too conscious of the "positions." Perhaps they are too impressed with their own opinions. Perhaps too much emphasis is placed on next year's officers and too little attention paid to the Arrow leaders. Perhaps too many committees think they should operate in secrecy so they can spring great surprises on the Lodge. -

Well I think the members of a "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service" should be a little less self interested, especially on the part of the adults, a little less nitpicking in debates and controversies — a little more open and friendly — and much more truthful. One feels as though you're sitting in a Kangaroo Court and no one knows whose on trial!

(Mr. W. Douglas is a familiar face at

